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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/960,377	Applicant(s) TAKADA ET AL.
	Examiner Jaison Joseph	Art Unit 2634

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 September 2001.
2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 25-28 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION***Specification***

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because of the use of the phrase "means" on line 8, 11and 19. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

Claims 1 – 24 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In claim 1, line 5 – 6, the recited term "interference signal" should have been "interference signals" the term refers back to the " narrow-band interference signals"

In claim 1, lines 7 – 8, the phrase "extracted interference signal" and lines the phrase "extraction of the interference signal" should have been "the extracted

interference signals" and "extraction of the interference signals" respectively because to consists to change as merits above.

In claim 1, line 23, the phrase " as an interference signal" would be more easily understood if written as "as an extracted interference signals" The phrase "interference signal" is not definite.

Similar scenarios exist in claim 2, lines 5 – 6, 7 – 8, 9 – 10, and 24, and in claim 3, lines 5 – 6, 7 – 8, 9 – 10, and 22.

In claim 4, line 24, the phrase " as an interference signal" would be more easily understood if written as "as an extracted interference signal" The phrase "interference signal" is not definite.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 5 – 24 are objected because these claims depend on objected claims

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim1 – 28 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter the prior art failed to teach an interference signal removing apparatus for removing narrow-band interference signal having an extraction control means computes a control signal and controls the extraction means, the extraction means extracts the interference signal, and the extraction-amount suppression means restricts the effective word length of the control signal.

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

This application is allowable except those objections explained in above paragraphs.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jaison Joseph whose telephone number is (571) 272-6041. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.



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Jaison Joseph
12/06/2004